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SUBJECT: Biographic Summaries of Iranian Principals Involved in NSC's Iranian Program.

The three primary Iranian contacts with whom the NSC has been in contact since 1985 are Manuchehr GHORBANIFAR [excised] [excised] Attached are biographic summaries of what we know about the three individuals.

Ghorbanifar, the NSC's principal intermediary, is well known to us and is the subject of a "Burn Notice" based on our assessment that he is an intelligence fabricator. The Department of State was one of the original recipients of that "Burn Notice" and recently was given another copy of that memo.

Ghorbanifar is an incredibly complex individual and we have found it difficult in dealing with him to separate fact from fiction. The "Burn Notice", giving our negative assessment of his intelligence potential, is a result of the considerable fiction surrounding his information. However, to give him his due, there is considerable fact surrounding the wide circle of influential contacts Ghorbanifar claims. It is this latter aspect of Ghorbanifar which interested the NSC. He was, in fact, a useful, if somewhat uncontrollable, intermediary.

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SUBJECT: Biographic Summary on Manuchehr GHORBANIFAR

Manuchehr Ghorbanifar, aka Ga'far Suzani, Manuel Pereira, Nikolous Kralis, was probably born in Tehran 9 May 1945. However, he has also said he was born in Isfahan and has used birth dates of 1944, 1940, and 1938. He is an Iranian citizen currently using London as a business address, though he maintains a residence on the French Riviera in Nice. He calls himself an "export/import businessman" and has had a close relationship with Adnan Khashoggi, the Saudi financier.

Ghorbanifar has served in the Iranian army and claims to have worked for SAVAK. He was once Managing Director of the Israeli-connected Star Line Shipping Company. He is a self proclaimed "wheeler-dealer" and admits to contacts with US, [excised], Israeli, [?] and Iranian intelligence services. He has a [?] passport in the name of [excised], an Iranian passport in the name of Ga'far Suzani, and claims to have an [excised] passport in an Arab name as well.

Prior to the fall of the Shah, Ghorbanifar claimed to have access to many senior military and government officials, as well as good contacts in the Iranian underworld. In late 1979, he was a member of the Tehran komiteh. However, he and his two brothers were implicated in an abortive coup in July 1980 and this resulted in a curtailment of his travel to Iran. Since that time he has operated out of Europe. He has remained in close contact with various Iranian exile groups in Europe, but has also said he has reported on these groups to the present Tehran regime.

Ghorbanifar has been active in the arms procurement business on behalf of the Iranian regime since the revolution. In 1984, he volunteered information about terrorist activities against U.S. persons. However, polygraph exams by both CIA and the Secret Service indicated that he had fabricated his information. As a result of these deceptions, this Agency published an intel fabricator "burn notice" on him.

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